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Dear Colleagues,

**RE Council RE Subject Review, England, Phase 2 Draft Programme of Study for RE**

Thank you for your interest in this significant project concerning the future of RE in schools in England. Further information about the project as a whole is available on the [RE Subject review](#) section of the REC website.

Phase 2 of the review is currently entering an important stage of consultation and we invite you to read the draft programme of study that has been proposed for RE based on extensive work by Task Group 1 for the RE review and the project's Steering Group.

May I make a few points to help you place the draft programme of study into context.

**Background**

1. This programme of study has been prepared in the light of recommendations made in the Phase 1 Expert Panel Report, which was ratified by the REC Board in January 2013 after receiving widespread approval during the public consultation exercise conducted in November – December 2012.
2. It has been agreed by the REC's Steering Group for the project. A wider Reference Group, including members from all the REC member bodies, considered an earlier draft of the purpose of study statement, aims and attainment targets for RE at a meeting in May.

**Wider public consultation procedure**

1. Please print or download the draft programme of study for RE
2. We invite public responses to this in writing in one of 2 formats:
  - a. By letter, addressed to me as Chair of the Steering Group of the RE Subject Review for England, via the REC office.
  - b. By questionnaire, following this link to [Survey Monkey](#)

There is considerable pressure of time on the RE review process, due in large part to the financial constraints within which the REC is working. The REC has been entirely dependent upon voluntary donations to support the process as it has received no government funding.

Wider public consultation will therefore take place electronically during a four week period only from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013. We hope that you and/or any organisation to which you belong will contribute your responses to the draft proposals. Please play your part by inviting others, including pupils and students studying RE, to make their contribution.

Thank you in anticipation for your attention and response to the RE review process.

Yours sincerely,

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